

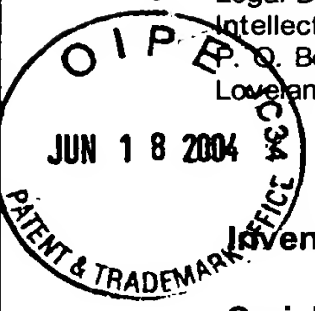
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TOTAL CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS		MINUS		= 0	X \$86	\$ 0
{ } FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$290	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$420.00	3RD MONTH \$950.00	4TH MONTH \$1480.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$ 110
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 110

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

This Office Action Response is filed in response to the Office Action mailed December 17, 2003, rejecting claims 1-8 and 19-24.

The following amendments and remarks remove all grounds for rejection of the application, thereby placing it in condition for allowance. The deadline for responding to the Office Action is March 17, 2004. Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a), Applicant has submitted a Petition for a three (3) month Extension of Time up to and including June 17, 2004. Thus, Applicant submits that the present Response submitted on June 16, 2004 is timely.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.


Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

In light of the following Amendments and Remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present case is in condition for allowance. A Notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

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